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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I understand the Courts will make their final decision next week on whether the proposed Microsoft settlement benefits the public. I'd like to express my feeling on this issue.

Microsoft did not get off easy. The settlement was arrived at after extensive negotiations with a court-appointed mediator. The Company agreed to terms that extend beyond what was expected in the suit.

They also agreed to design future versions of Windows, starting with an interim release of Windows XP, to provide a mechanism to make it easy for computer companies, consumers and software developers to promote non-Microsoft software within Windows. This mechanism will make it easy to add or remove access to features built in to Windows or to non-Microsoft software. Consumers will have the freedom to choose or change their configuration at any time.

Microsoft really needs to get back to business because they helped the economy far more than they could ever hurt the economy. Let's end the litigation!!

Sincerely,

Jack Gelin

cc: Representative Anthony David Weiner